

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 529

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A RESOLUTION relative to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in
Obergefell v. Hodges.

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case of
Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. ____ (No. 14-556, 2015 WL 2473451 (June 26, 2015)); and

WHEREAS, two years earlier, in the case of *Windsor v. United States*, 570 U.S. ____
(2013), the U.S. Supreme Court said, “[t]he whole subject of the domestic relations of husband
and wife, parent and child, belongs to the laws of the states, and not to the laws of the United
States”; and

WHEREAS, the *Obergefell* decision raises serious constitutional issues regarding the
constitutional doctrines of federalism and separation of powers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that this body expresses its disagreement with the constitutional analysis in
Obergefell v. Hodges and the judicial imposition of a marriage license law that is contrary to the
express will of this body and the vote of the people of Tennessee.